

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strike through~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 16, with the following paragraph:

As indicated with circle C in Fig. 1, each of the projection rows include a pair of slopes 9A, 9B running approximately in parallel with respect to the incidence end face 7B1. Each pair of slopes are directly connected to give a triangular-like cross section to each projection row. The slopes 9A mainly receive light from fluorescent lamp 11A and slopes 9B mainly receive light from fluorescent lamp 11B. This prism sheet 9 modifies directivity regarding in a plane perpendicular to the incidence end face(s) 7B1 (and 7A1). Detail of modifying effect is described later. Output light from the prism sheet 9 irradiates a LCD panel LP via a light diffusion plate 10.